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For: ZIRCONIUM BASED ALLOY AND COMPONENT IN A NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANT

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation Yes/No
		2032759 C1	1995.04.10	Russian Federation			abstract
		62-182258	10.08.1987	Japan			abstract
		3310054 A1	10.13.1983	Germany			abstract

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, etc.)**

		"Performance of standard and advanced fuel rod cladding for high burnup applications in PWRs," Pati <i>et al.</i> , pages 413-420, in the Proceedings of the 1997 International Topical Meeting on LWR Fuel Performance, Portland, Oregon, March 2-6, 1997

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